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Please enter the following amendment in response to the March 4, 2003 Office Action.

In the Claims:

Please rewrite claim 4 as follows:

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4. Footwear comprising a sole, a toe cap, and an upper having a unitary one piece molded metatarsal guard therein for transmitting a load to the sole, said metatarsal guard comprising a convex arch portion over the wearer's instep; a lip integrally molded with said arch portion and overlying the toe cap; and only a single concave right support leg and only a single concave left support leg overlying the sole, said support legs integrally molded with the convex arch portion and extending on opposite sides of the wearer's foot and bearing against the sole, said convex arch portion having a section immediately rearward of the support legs which does not bear against the sole.